

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:

- displaying controls including a first button and a second button;
- receiving an activation of the first button, **in response to the displaying;**
- after receiving the activation of the first button, in response to the activation of the first button:
 - creating an activity item,
 - establishing a user-selected activity type for the activity item, wherein
 - the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises receiving a user input selecting a single activity type from among a plurality of activity types **stored in a database,** and
 - the user-selected activity type specifies an activity type of the activity item,
 - creating an expense item, and
 - establishing an expense type **from among a plurality of expense types stored in the database** for the created expense item, wherein
 - the establishing the expense type comprises **consulting accessing** a pre-determined mapping from **the plurality of** activity types to **the plurality of** expense types, **and**
 - the accessing comprises accessing the database;**
- receiving an activation of the second button;
- and
- in response to the activation of the second button:
 - creating, using a computer processor, a new expense report,
 - adding all created expense items to the created expense report,
 - and
 - submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising, in response to the activation of the first button:

establishing for the activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item;
and
establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

3. (**Currently Amended**) A computer-readable storage medium whose contents cause a computing system to perform a process for generating an expense report, comprising:

displaying controls including an activity item creation button and an expense report creation button;

after each activation of the activity item creation button, in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:

creating an activity item,

establishing a user-selected activity type for the activity item, wherein

the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises receiving
a user input selecting a single activity type from among a
plurality of activity types **stored in a database**, and

the user-selected activity type specifies an activity type of the
activity item,

creating an expense item, and

establishing an expense type **from among a plurality of expense types
stored in the database** for the created expense item, wherein

the establishing the expense type comprises ~~consulting~~ **accessing** a
pre-determined mapping from **the plurality of** activity types
to **the plurality of** expense types, **and**
the accessing comprises accessing the database;

and

in response to each activation of the expense report creation button:

creating a new expense report,

adding all created expense items to the created expense report,
and
submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises, in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:
establishing for the activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item;
and
establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

5. (**Currently Amended**) A computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:

a control display subsystem that displays controls including a first button and a second button;

a first button activation processing subsystem that, after each activation of the first button, in response to each activation of the first button:

creates an activity item,

establishes a user-selected activity type for the created activity item, wherein

the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises receiving

a user input selecting exactly one activity type from among

at least two activity types **stored in a database**, and

the user-selected activity type specifies the activity type of the activity item,

creates an expense item, and

establishes an expense type **from among a plurality of expense types**

stored in the database for the created expense item, wherein

the establishing the expense type comprises **consulting accessing** a

pre-determined mapping from **the plurality of** activity types

to **the plurality of** expense types, **and**

the accessing comprises accessing the database;

and

a second button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each activation of the second button:

creates a new expense report,

adds all created expense items to the created expense report,

and

submits the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

6. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, further comprising a date designation system that, in response to each activation of the first button:

establishes for the activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and

establishes for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

7. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the establishing the user-selected activity type further comprises:

providing the user with a list of the plurality of activity types.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the list of the plurality of activity types is maintained by the user and contains activity types predefined by an application administrator.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-determined mapping is defined by an application administrator.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of activity types corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the application administrator predefines the plurality of activity types by providing information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity, itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity types, whether the plurality of activity types are associated with a particular client, and whether the plurality of activity types are expensible.
18. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the establishing the user-selected activity type further comprises: providing a user with a list of the plurality of activity types.
19. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein the list of the plurality of activity types is maintained by the user and contains activity types predefined by an application administrator.
20. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the pre-determined mapping is defined by an application administrator.
21. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein each of the plurality of activity types corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.
22. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the application administrator predefines the plurality of activity types by providing information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity, itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity types, whether the plurality of activity types are associated with a particular client, and

whether the plurality of activity types are expensible.

23. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the establishing the user-selected activity type further comprises:
providing a user with a list of the at least two activity types.

24. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 23, wherein the list of the at least two activity types is maintained by the user and contains activity types predefined by an application administrator.

25. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein each of the at least two activity types corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.

26. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the application administrator predefines the at least two activity types by providing information corresponding to at least one of
a description of an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the at least two activity types,
whether the at least two activity types are associated with a particular client, and
whether the at least two activity types are expensible.

27. **(New)** The method of claim 1, further comprising
receiving, from at least one user, information creating each of the plurality of activity types, information for creating each of the plurality of expense types, and
information for determining the pre-determined mapping, wherein
the pre-determined mapping associates each of the plurality of expense types with at least one of the plurality of activity types;
in response to the receiving, storing the information for creating each of the plurality of activity types, the information for creating each of the plurality of expense types, and the information for determining the pre-determined mapping in the database, wherein

the storing is performed before the displaying,
the information for creating each of the plurality of activity types comprises
information indicating whether one of the plurality of activity types is
expensible,
the information for determining the pre-determined mapping comprises
a plurality of keys,
each of the plurality of keys is assigned to
one of the plurality of expense types, and
at least one of the plurality of activity types,
a one of the plurality of activity types represents a type of meeting,
the first one of the plurality of activity types is associated with an instance of the
first one of the plurality of activity types, and
the instance is a specific meeting.

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